

Honors Program

2005 - 2006

At the Fall 2005 Honors Program Awards Convocation ten students received the Sophomore Honors Distinction Award: Shelisa Daniel, Haley Echlin, Paul Fontenot, Bridget Hester, Emily Lambeth, Rachel Landry, Kimberly Pikes, Jeanne Northrop, Erin Rode, and Monideepa Talukdar. All of these students had a 3.5 or higher GPA when they completed 60 hours including 12 hours in honors courses. The annual Honors Teaching Award was granted to Dr. George Dorrill, professor of English.

At the Fall 2005 commencement ceremonies, three of the ten top awards for highest GPA in the colleges of the university were won by students in the Honors Program: Sandra Austin and Elizabeth Brown, 4.0 in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; and Scott Ploof, 4.0 in the College of Business. Most of last year's Honors Program graduates are pursuing graduate studies at universities across the country.

Campus Awards for Honors students in 2005-2006 included: Sandra Austin, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Student Award; Sandra Austin and Bridget Hester, Student Government "Green S" Awards. Also Fall 2005 graduate Mindi Batson received the McNair Summer Research Scholarship at Louisiana State University.

Honors students Rebecca Murry, Sandra Austin, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Hester, Monideepa Talukdar, and Lauren Villalobos, accompanied by Honors Director Jim Walter, attended the International Conference of the Association of Core Texts and

Courses in Chicago in April. As part of their trip, students visited outstanding architectural sites in the city such as the Sears Tower and an exhibit at the Chicago Art Museum on Impressionist painting.

In November, the Honors Program and the Honors Club co-sponsored a public lecture by visiting scholar, Dr. Robert O'Meally, Director of the Center for Jazz Studies at Columbia University in New York. During his visit to campus, Dr. O'Meally met with a group of honors students to discuss the image of the hero in Ralph Ellison's short story "A Coupla Scalped Indians." Later in the evening his public lecture "This Music Demanded Action," on themes of America's great jazz artists and fiction writers, received a standing ovation from the students, faculty and townspeople who attended.

Number of Students in Honors Program - Fall 2006

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	92
Business	27
Center for Student Excellence	16
Education & Human Development	39
General Studies	6
Nursing & Health Sciences	29
Science & Technology	69
University	278

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